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Dear Editor:

As part of this issue of WASHINGTON-EXCLUSIVE, we are releasing the first in a series of editorials on the Central Intelligence Agency.

The writer of this series served in the wartime OSS, and was one of the first employees of the successor CIA, upon return from the Berlin Airlift where he served the Undersecretary for the Army.

The undersigned resigned in 1952 after differences with certain high officials of the Department of State, but continued on the job until early 1963 to effect orderly transfer of all responsibilities. The conflict with State Department officials resulted in a series of Senate investigations and a special State Department hearing which unanimously recommended dismissal of a member of the State Department Policy Planning Staff. The officer was relieved by the Secretary of State.

It is hoped that these comments will contribute to public understanding of the CIA, and spotlight its importance to the security of the United States.

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The building trades unions are making enormous efforts to destroy a man's fundamental freedom to do business with whomever he pleases. They are now asking Congress to pass legislation (HR 100 and S 1487) which would legalize secondary boycotts in the construction industry and enable the unions to force one company to stop doing business with another. This bill will give any union the legal right to completely shut down an entire construction project even though it has a grievance with only one of the many employers on the project. In some cases, disagreements between two unions could bring all work on the job to a stop.

Passage of the secondary boycott bill will give the building trades unions a monopoly over construction labor in most parts of the country. They could demand that certain contractors or subcontractors on projects be kept off the job; or that wages be increased out of all proportion to productivity. And the unions could close down entire construction sites until their demands were met.

In a recent precedent-setting decision which established the building trades unions' right to boycott prefabricated materials the Supreme Court said: "It may be that the time has come for re-evaluation of the basic content of collective bargaining as contemplated by Federal legislation. Congress might be of the opinion that greater stress should be put on eliminating more and more economic weapons from the unions' grasp but congressional policy has not yet moved to this point." Secondary boycott legislation is a move in the opposite direction.

The building trades in the past year have been able to get wage increases that averaged more than 6 percent (this is more than twice the average income rate of growth). Added strike power would, of course, result in more unreasonable demands. The secondary boycott bill could prove to be the inflationary straw that could break this country's economic back.

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We Know What It's Like: Inspectors responsible for the success of our Apollo spacecraft have found numerous flaws, plus something else. It seems a number of components arrived at Cape Kennedy "improperly packaged, unlabeled, contaminated or damaged in transit." Maybe the packaging was done by those same fellows who package doll carriages, coaster wagons, model trains and bicycles that daddies are supposed to assemble for their offspring on Christmas Eve.

Roar, Lion, Roar: It probably has something to do with academic freedom. Columbia University has pioneered by issuing a charter to a student group of homosexuals. The aim is "equal rights for homosexuals," and the Student Homophile League will fight discrimination against people eligible for membership. This would seem to make Columbia the first fully integrated university in the world.

Sharp Girls: Whatever you may think of their dad, you have to hand it to the Johnson girls. One chose a career, and spends her time flying all over the world accompanied by Secret Service men, on writing assignments for a national magazine. Pretty exciting. The other chose marriage, to a student at the University of Texas. Last week, the Austin National Bank announced that student Patrick Nugent had been elected to its board of directors. How many college students do you know who are on the board of directors of a bank?

The Kennedy Kut: There is, so-help-us, a new hair style called the Kennedy Kut. And it isn't named for Jacqueline. It's offered in men's barber shops, and it is the rage on certain college campuses in the East where the jet-set strives to look like Bobby.

Blood On the Rug: When the Senate voted 93-to-4 in favor of Senator Gore's amendment disemboweling the Presidential campaign fund bill, it did so with Senator Long's remarkable lamentation ringing in its ears: "... standing here with blood draining into my boots, I'm not going to fight my majority leader." Actually it was a victory for Senator Long. The law stays on the books, and the Senator will have time to get some transfusions before joining the fight over the guidelines for disbursements which Congress must agree upon.

And he can replace those bloody shoes, too.

THE C.I.A. - Part I

The operational arm of the Central Intelligence Agency was established by the Congress of the United States to do in the enemies of this country by any means, fair or foul. That decision was made twenty years ago.

In the intervening two decades the American public has logically assumed that the operational arm of the CIA was a hard-hitting and militantly anti-Communist organization, since the only avowed enemies of this country are the Communists.

This has proved to be a tragic misconception.

The simple truth is that the operational arm of the CIA has been the haven for more left-of-center dreamers, social climbers, draft-dodgers, do-gooders, one-worlders and anti-anti-Communists than any other single department or agency in Washington. The reasons are very simple: first, the names and histories of CIA employees are secret; a man or woman can work in total anonymity and secrecy at the CIA, whereas that same man or woman would be identified, watched and exposed in the press for similar views or decisions in any other government agency. Second: the man who headed the operational arm of the CIA for the first ten years of its existence, the late Frank Wisner, was a vigorous ultra-liberal, hand-picked by Gen. George C. Marshall. Wisner's most intimate friendship was with Philip Graham, publisher of the *Washington Post*.

Frank Wisner survived four changes of Director of the CIA—Admiral Souers, Admiral Hillenkoetter, General Smith and Allen Dulles. He surrounded himself with men who were his men, who thought as he did, and who were his willing tools. Those who did not share his ultra-liberal views simply did not rise to the policy or decision-making level and, as you'd expect, competent types and dissenters quickly resigned from the CIA.

Lest there be those who think this an exaggeration, here is what Thomas W. Braden, assistant to Allen W. Dulles, wrote in the May 20, 1967 issue of the *Saturday Evening Post*: "He had one of those purposely obscure CIA titles: Director of Policy Coordination. But everyone knew that he had run CIA since the death of the wartime OSS, run it through a succession of rabbit warrens hidden in the bureaucracy of the State Department, run it when nobody but Frank Wisner cared whether the country had an intelligence service. . . ."

It must be understood that there are really two CIA's. One is essentially a big "news service," which collects, assesses, digests and reports intelligence to the executive branch. That function is the responsibility of the Director, presently Richard Helms. The other CIA is the operational arm. In practice, it developed as an essentially independent agency, its personnel selected and its secret policies guided and implemented by Frank Wisner.

The guidelines for CIA operations survived Wisner because the men he selected, trained and promoted, survived him. And that is why the CIA scandals are in the headlines today.